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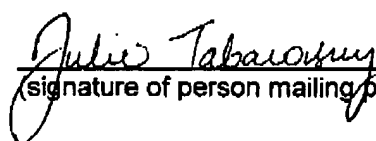
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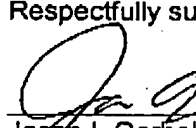
Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. The fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) for filing an RCE is \$770.00.

1. Applicants enclose an Amendment/Reply.
2. No additional claims fee is required. Although no extension fee is believed to be due, the Office is authorized to charge any extension fees due and owing to to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701.
3. Please charge the fee for filing an RCE, estimated to be \$770.00, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2004, the Advisory Action of July 13, 2004, and pursuant to Applicants' Request for Continued Examination.